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Applicants : Yuichi HATTORI et al.
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For : **LEGGED MOBILE ROBOT, METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
LEGGED MOBILE ROBOT AND SENSOR FOR MEASURING
RELATIVE MOVEMENT OF LEGGED MOBILE ROBOT**
Examiner : Paul Royal
Art Unit : 3611

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified
application on September 29, 2003, requiring an election of species among those species
identified by the Examiner as follows:



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Species I, directed to "a relative movement sensor for a legged robot, the sensor comprising, in relevant part, a rotationally mounted ball;" upon which claims 1-3 and 5-29 read;

and

Species II, directed to "a relative movement sensor for a legged robot, the sensor comprising, in relevant part, imaging means;" upon which claims 1, 2, 4, 5-28 and 30 read.

Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusion that claims 1, 2 and 5-28 are generic. Accordingly, if any of these generic claims eventually are allowed, it is recognized that the instant requirement for an election of species will be withdrawn; and all claims which include the limitations of the generic claims, irrespective of the particular species on which those claims read, likewise will be allowed.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Species II, including claims 1, 2, 4, 5-28 and 30, for further prosecution in the present application.

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Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application, if necessary, so as to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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